

Division Director

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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June 29, 1990

Mr. Robert Dent Mineral Project Manager ARCO Coal Company 555 Seventeenth Street Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Dent:

Re: Reclamation Release, Carr Fork Mine and IS & R Smelter Site, M/045/004, Tooele County, Utah

The Division would like to extend our appreciation to you, Mr. Harden and Mr. Anderson for attending the final site inspection of the Carr Fork site on June 20, 1990. We also appreciate the fact that Mr. Jarvis, of JBR Consultants, was on hand to answer questions about the reclamation.

The Division is satisfied with the outcome of the reclamation work performed, and the monitoring material submitted by the operator. We feel that the three year waiting period is adequate to indicate that the site will remain well vegetated and continue to stabilize over time.

Although small areas of poor vegetation cover exist, these are insignificant when compared to the entire 532 acres of excellent plant cover. We support any voluntary efforts on the operator's part to reseed these problem sites, however, we will not require it.

We also support the operator's idea of leaving the areas postmine landuse as wildlife habitat. This would no doubt be the best guarantee to keeping the area stable for many years to come. We concur with your corporate opinion that reexposure of the buried materials is not desirable under any circumstances.

We will now initiate the bond release process with our Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. As we discussed onsite, we will schedule the hearing item for our August 23, 1990 Board meeting.

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We will keep you advised as this process proceeds. Thank you again for your continued cooperation in the final resolution of this reclamation project.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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cc: Joe Jarvis, JBR

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